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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Wilbur G. Kurtz

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March 18, 1991

Mr. Mark Neely
Director
The Lincoln Museum
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Neely: I want to Congratulate you and your staff on your 1990 Annual Report. It is excellent. The story about the Lincoln Pocket Knife is priceless!

I have been on your "Lincoln Lore" mailing list for at least 20 years. I have enjoyed them all — most informative. I became interested in Lincoln as a small boy listening to my father talk about him. I even memorized the Gettysburg address and the Second Inaugural and delivered them before the student body.

My father, WGK Sr. (1882–1967) was born in Illinois, reared in Greencastle, Ind., was a student at the Chicago Art Institute. Came South to Atlanta, married and settled. He was an authority on S. Herman's Georgia Campaign, Battle of Atlanta etc. also Historical Technical Advisor on films. Gone With the Wind, and Disney's Song of the South and "The Great Locomotive Chase". His career: artist my mother was the daughter of Capt. Wm A. Fuller

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who chased and recaptured the Locomotive General on April 12, 1862. The story of the Chase brought my father and mother together. My father was primarily an artist of the Old South. His oils and water colors - more substantial value today.

As the eldest son of five children I naturally gravitated to American History. Emory University - 2 degrees in American History. Thesis on Jefferson Davis and his Cabinet.

My career was with the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. I was Corporate Historian and Director of Archives - Now retired.

I would like to present the enclosed books To the Museum Library because of My father's extreme interest in Lincoln. It shows the character of his art and how it reflected the history of a region.

Best Wishes to You and Your Staff

Wilbur G. Kurtz Jr.

Note My street name is
Doe Valley Dr.

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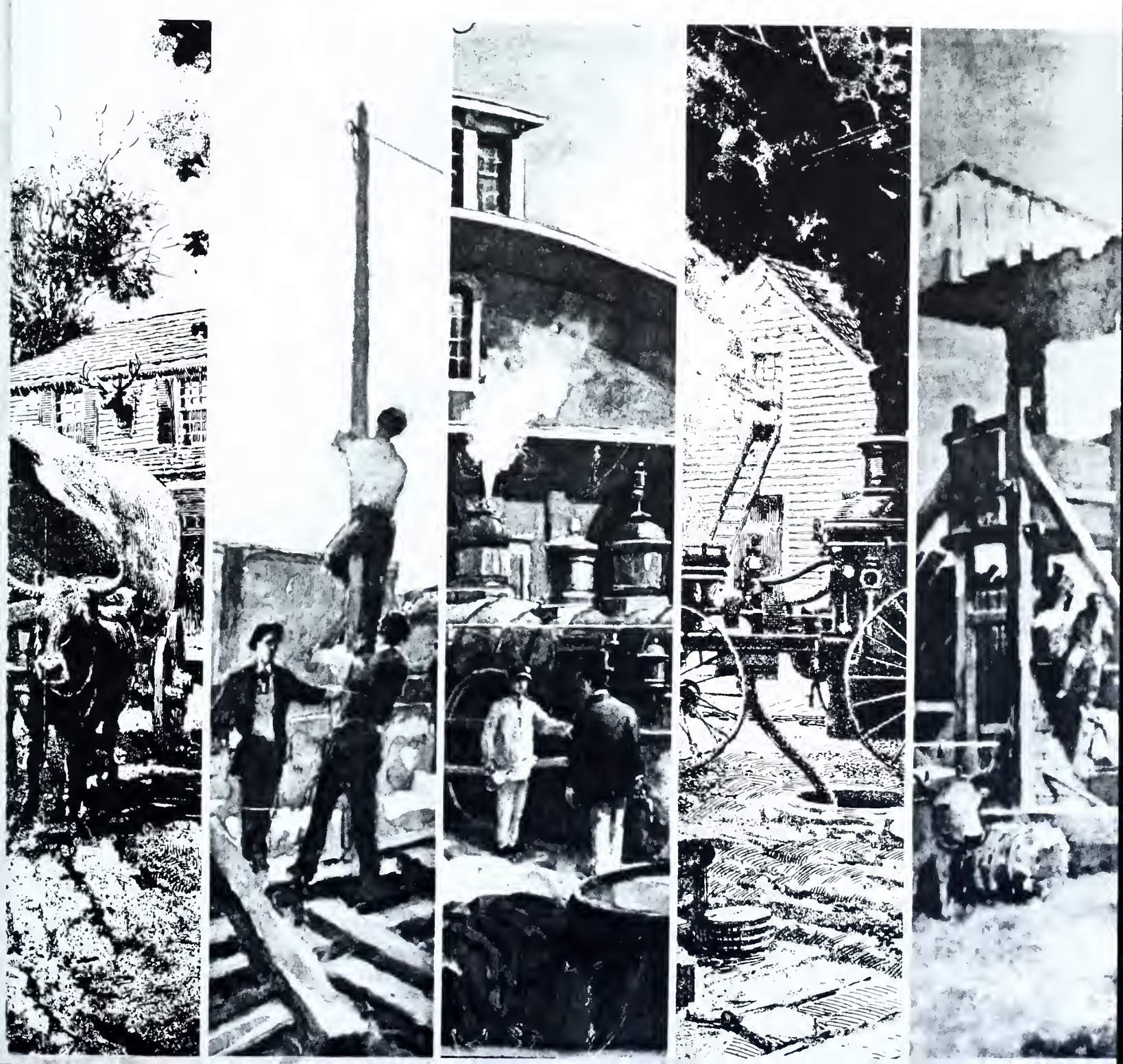

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